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In areas where the autumn harvest is the main one, advance collections from summer crops against the autumn grain tax should be made according to the size of the summer crop harvested. This course will make the work of autumn tax collection easier.

In areas where the summer harvest is the most important, the amount of the tax should be figured on the whole crop with the privilege of paying it in two installments, one at the time of harvest and the other in the autumn.

In areas where the land-reform program has not been carried out, the 1950 tax rate and conditions of collection will be used for 1951. Tax estimates should be ready by the time of the summer harvest. Collecting and storing should be carried out immediately upon completion of the summer harvest. For areas in which the land reform has been carried out recently, the regulations and tax rates are now being worked out between the Central People's Government and the Northwest Military and Administrative Committee and will soon be announced. Local authorities should be checking on soil quality and estimating prospective individual crop incomes in preparation for the tax collection.

There is still much unregistered land to be taxed. This condition should be entirely overcome by the time of the 1951 summer tax collection. In areas where the land-reform program has brought all the hidden land to light, time can be spent on revising crop estimates, as compared with 1950, so as to set up a permanent basis of estimates.

SHANSI ISSUES TOBACCO, FERTILIZER LOANS -- Tai-yuan, Shansi Jih-pao, 22 May 51

The Shansi Provincial government has authorized a 2.7 billion yuan loan to the people of 17 tobacco-producing hsien for building and repairing tobacco toasting houses and for fuel for the toasting process. The interest rate is 1.3 percent per month. The loans are to be repaid by autumn 1952.

Also, 13 billion yuan was loaned by the provincial government to the Central Provincial Cooperatives to purchase fertilizer. In May, it was reported that 8,366,000 catties of soybean cake, sesame cake and black bean cake, had been purchased. This was about 33 percent of the total planned purchase of 25 million catties; 67.8 percent of the amount purchased had gone into the hands of the farmers by loan and sale. In addition 1,633,000 catties of commercial fertilizer have been secured by the provincial cooperative of which 12 percent has reached the farmers. The goal for distribution of commercial fertilizers is 2 million catties.

There have been many complaints of the dilatoriness of the cooperatives in getting the fertilizers into the hands of the farmers.

SIAN BRANCH OF PEOPLE'S INSURANCE COMPANY ACTIVE -- Sian, Ch'un-chung Jih-pao, 13 May 51

The Sian city branch of the China People's Insurance Company has begun operations of insuring both farm animals and people in the area around Sian. The population has shown considerable interest. Life insurance policies run for 10, 15, and 20 years. Everyone between the ages of 14 and 55 is eligible to be insured. Premium fees are 5,000 yuan per month. Serious accident to the insured entitles him to accident compensation with deferments in premium payments possible. No medical examination is required. Apparent good health at time of application is all the health qualification required. After having made premium payments regularly for 2 years the insured may apply for a loan in case of legitimate need.

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KWANGTUNG GOVERNMENT ISSUES FERTILIZER LOAN -- Hong Kong, Ta Kung Pao, 3 Jul 51

Swatow -- The Kwangtung Provincial Government has made available to the Ch'ao-Shan Special Administrative District /comprising seven hsien in the Swatow area/ the sum of 2.4 billion yuan for the purchase of fertilizer to be loaned to sugar cane and hemp cultivators, the principal part going to the former. The loans will be distributed through the cooperatives to members among the poor and hired farmers and some middle-class farmers. It is expected that this loan to cooperative members will heighten interest in securing membership in the cooperatives.

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